

Senate Committee Debate

Defers La Follette Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Another debate developed to-day to further postpone the Senate elections committee's inquiry into Senator La Follette's speech.

The committee to-day discussed what action its sub-committee or the full committee, which will meet next week to decide the question of procedure, it deferred for the present the proposed examination of former Secretary Bryan.

Cabinet Women Greet Suffragists

Reception Precedes Annual Convention That Begins To-day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Great political importance is set on the reception this evening at the New Willard Hotel given by the wives of the Cabinet officers to the suffragists and the members of Congress. This was the first time in Washington history, it is believed, that any political group has been honored. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the suffrage organization, and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt stood in the receiving line with the Cabinet wives. Mrs. James R. Mann, wife of the Republican leader, was there, and Mrs. Phillips Pitt Campbell, wife of the member from Kansas. Among those present was Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, who is attending the suffrage convention as a delegate from either state she prefers to call it, Nebraska or Florida. Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, former president of the General Federation of the Women's Clubs and a delegate from Texas, was also present.

The convention proper will open to-morrow afternoon, at Poli's Theatre at 2 o'clock, and Mrs. Carr's address report will be the main event of the opening session. In the evening the New York State delegation will own the theatre for their jollification in honor of their victory at the polls.

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vention will be occupied chiefly with the problems of reorganizing, to meet victory in Congress, or to start the fight all over again. In case the suffrage bill should pass this Congress, it would have to be ratified by the states, and for this work the suffragists would continue their organization. In case of defeat, they will inaugurate the new policy of entering the political arena and fighting their enemies.

Two thousand women are scheduled to attend the convention, and many are the tales that are told of the emergency accommodations to which they are doomed. Washington has a surplus war population of 50,000, and the hotels have no vacant rooms. Women who expected rooms and private

baths in the best hotels have been thankful for a "very nice room with a private family only ten minutes from the cars."

"Antis" Prepare to Fight Amendment

Say N. Y. Election Proves Socialist-Pacifist Menace Is Behind Suffrage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Discussion of plans for opposing the Federal suffrage amendment before Congress and election of officers occupied to-day's sessions here of the annual convention of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

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Women Democrats Go on Committee

They Will Participate in All Party Affairs, Says State Chairman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Fifteen women members are to be added to the executive committee of the State Democratic Committee, according to a resolution passed by the former committee at a meeting yesterday. These women members, who will increase the membership from twenty-one to thirty-six, will represent Democratic women in the state organization.

"We're not asking the women to have separate committees," said Edwin S. Harris, chairman of the committee, yesterday. "We want them to have full participation in all party affairs, and by putting women on this central committee we think they'll get an absolutely square deal."

The relationship is to be one of co-operation. The women are to be mem-

bers of all existing committees. More- over, as soon as the legislation has been passed providing for the registration and enrollment of women appointees will be made on the Democratic State Committee to fill the twenty-odd vacancies now existing there.

W. Cary Ely, of Erie County, introduced the resolution which led to the appointment of women members of the committee. Following its adoption, Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, offered the following resolution, which the committee adopted unanimously:

"The Senator Wagner, the Demo-

cratic leader of the Senate, be requested by the state organization to prepare and press for passage the necessary legislation to provide for the earliest possible enrollment and registration of women voters in order that they may vote at the next election to be held in their communities."

The members of the committee feel that they have taken a distinct step ahead of their brethren in the United States.

Child Labor Demand Grows

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—There is an alarming increase in the demand for

the abolition of child labor, according to the annual report of the Massachusetts child labor committee, made pub-

lic to-day. The report states the de-

sire of adult labor owing to enlistment,

the draft and war orders.

Plan Memorial for Matthews

Pupils of the late Franklin Matthews,

professor in the Columbia School of

Journalism up to the time of his death

a few days ago, have undertaken to

raise a fund which will be offered to

the university to endow a memorial

prize or scholarship. Dr. Talcott Williams, director of the school, will take

charge of the subscriptions.

friendly feeling toward the women voters, it has not been thought possible to admit women as members of the State Executive Committee. A special provision has been made for them after the first of the year. At the present time the women are only on Republican auxiliary committees.

Mr. Harris will appoint the women within a few days.

Red Ball Goes Up At Central Park

If Cold Continues Skating Is Promised at Van Cortlandt Park

The red ball went up in New York

yesterday for the first time this winter, and with it the spirits of thou-

sands of skaters, who have been wait-

ing for the first cold snap of the year, to give them a chance to cut figure "8s," do the "dutch roll" and even, per-

haps, cut a few stars. Yesterday there was excellent skating on the ball field, the sheep meadow and the two big

lawns of Central Park, at Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets, all of which had been flooded before the freezing

weather.

If the cold continues it is expected

that the lake in Van Cortlandt Park

will be thrown open to skaters to-day.

Beside the two big parks, there will be

plenty of opportunity for skating at

Thomas Jefferson Park and at the

Union Croquet Club.

This is said to be one of the earliest

openings for the outdoor skating sea-

son New York has known in several

years.

Envoy Fletcher to Attend Conference in Washington

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 11.—Henry P.

Fletcher, the American Ambassador,

announced to-day that he would leave

the capital on Wednesday for Wash-

ington to attend a conference at the State

Department regarding an increase in

exports of food and foodstuffs from

the United States to Mexico. Luis

Cabrera, the Mexican Minister of Fi-

nance, will be present at the confer-

ence.

Mr. Fletcher will be accompanied by

Mrs. Fletcher and, with her, will spend

the Christmas holidays in the United

States.

Katherine Stinson Sets New Airplane Record

Flies From San Diego to Presidio Without Stopping in 9 Hours

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Miss

Katherine Stinson, Texas aviatrix, es-

tablished a new official American non-

stop record for airplane flights, when

she arrived here late to-day from San

Diego, Cal., covering the distance of

610 miles in nine hours and ten min-

utes.

Miss Stinson suffered somewhat from

the cold, due to the high altitude at

which she flew, but otherwise she ex-

perienced little discomfort on the long

trip. In crossing the Tehachapi Moun-

tain, in Southern California, she reached

the highest altitude of the

Journey, 9,600 feet.

Miss Stinson's performance was char-

acterized as remarkable by officials of

the Pacific Aero Club, who timed and

supervised the flight, which surpassed

the previous non-stop record of 512½

miles, made by Miss Ruth Law, on No-

ember 19, 1916, between Chicago and Hornell, N. Y.

Miss Stinson started at 7:31 a. m.

from the North Island aviation grounds

at San Diego and arrived at Presidio

military reservation at 4:41 p. m. The

flight was made in a biplane with a tri-

plane body.

Gardner Takes Lower Rank to Get to Front

Ex-Representative, Now Colonel, Becomes Major at His Own Request

[Staff Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Former

Representative Augustus P. Gardner

as his own request has been com-

missioned a major and assigned to a

Leavenworth foreign service within the

next few months.

Mr. Gardner since his resignation

from Congress to enter the service has

been serving as adjutant of Camp

Wheeler with the rank of colonel. In

this capacity he has been adjutant of

the National Guard organizations of

Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi.

Anxious to see service in France, the

former Bay State Representative asked

the War Department for demotion to

an active command.

West Side Hearing To-day

Whitman Commission to Meet In Chamber of Commerce

The commission appointed by Gov-

ernor Whitman to investigate the West

Side Improvement will hold its first

public hearing this afternoon at 2

o'clock in the library of the Chamber

of Commerce. The commissioners will

hear testimony as relates in general to the

development of the port of New York.

The detailed inquiry into the various

phases of the West Side problem will

be taken up at the hearings next week.

William H. Van Benschoten, chair-

man of the commission, announced last

night that William R. Wilcox, chair-

man of the New York-New Jersey Port

and Harbor Development Commission, and Calvin Tompkins, former Dock

Commissioner, will be the first witnesses.

Mayor Mitchel Prendergast, Ira A. Platz, vice-president of the New York Central Railroad, representative of the Public Service Commission and others who

have been active in what has been done

toward the solution of the West Side

plan will testify next week.